

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include sheets 1-7 of formal drawings for Figs. 1-14. Those seven sheets replace the original sheets 1-7 including Figs. 1-14. The formal drawings address the issues objected to by the Examiner in the Office Action. No substantive changes were made and no new matter was added.

Attachment: Seven (7) Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

In the office Action, the drawings were objected to and the specification was objected to for informalities. In addition, claim 1 was objected to for informalities and was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,093,400 to Rybicki ("Rybicki").

In this response, the specification and abstract have been amended and Figs. 1 and 3-8 of the drawings have been amended. Claim 1 has been cancelled and new claims 34-64 have been added.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 34-64 will be pending.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification:

The specification was objected to for numerous informalities. Applicants have amended the specification to address each of the Examiner's grounds for objections and furthermore to adapt the translation of the German language international application to U.S. requirements.

Objections to the Drawings:

Figs. 1 and 3-8 of the drawings were objected to for being blurry and of poor line quality. Applicants have prepared formal drawings for Figs. 1-14 and have submitted them herewith. No substantive changes were made and no new matter was added.

Objection and Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 112 to Claim 1:

Claim 1 was objected to for informalities and was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rybicki and also anticipated by Baskin.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the objection and rejections to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

New Claims 34-64:

Applicants have added new independent claim 34 and dependent claims 35-64. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Rybicki nor Baskin describe all of the features of independent claim 34. Specifically, neither reference describes a rotor wherein "each rotor blade" has "a blade-connector region including two auxiliary flapping hinges" and wherein "blade-connector arms of the at least two rotor blades are joined to each other and overlap each other at a subregion, and wherein one of the auxiliary flapping hinges is disposed at the subregion," as recited in claim 34.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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